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Application of:	Vandersall et al	Group No.:	1714
Serial No.:	09/978,401	Atty. Docket No.:	41482-26433
Filed:	10/16/2001		
For:	Biopolymer Thickened Fire Retardant Compositions	Examiner:	Peter Szekely

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

HONORABLE SIR:

Responsive to the official communication of March 21, 2003, Applicant elects Invention I (claims 1-20 drawn to composition, classified in class 536, subclass 114) without traverse.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of


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this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our
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